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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on January 7, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the reply does not comply with 37 CFR 1.125. The reply does not include the statement that the substitute specification includes no new matter (37 CFR 1.125(b)(1)) and the substitute specification includes the claims in violation of 37 CFR 1.125(b). Since the substitute specification improperly includes the claims, the examination of the application at this time is precluded. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory J. Strimbu whose telephone number is 703-305-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel P. Stodola can be reached on 703-308-2686. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3597 for regular communications and 703-305-3597 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-2168.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gregory J. Strimbu". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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